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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 18, 2003 and the Office Action
mailed on October 10, 2003, please reconsider the above-identified application based on the
following.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 6 of this paper and include one sheet of new
drawings labeled Fig. 1.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including new drawing Fig. 1 is attached following page 7 of this paper.